Removal of Encroachments on Delhi-Gurgaon road

5440. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the area under unauthorised occupation on Government land on both sides of old Delhi-Gurgaon Road from village Samalakha to Kapashera Delhi border;

(b) that this unauthorised occupation of Government land has resulted in traffic hazard particularly during office hours in the morning and evening; and

(c) the action being taken/proposed to be taken to get the Government land vacated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) This Ministry is responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways. Development/improvement and maintenance of all roads other than National Highways is the responsibility of the concerned State Government. Old Delhi-Gurgaon Road from village Samalakha to Kapashera is not a part of National Highway-8 now. This falls under the jurisdiction of the Govt, of Delhi.

Four laning of Balasore-Cuttack section of NH-5

5441. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to take up the four laning work of Balasore-Cuttack and Bhubaneswar section of NH-5;

(b) if so, the fund allocation made for the purpose; and

(c) the steps taken to expedite the four laning of Cuttack- Bhubaneswar section as well as to start the four laning of Balasore- Cuttack and Bhubaneswar-Khurdha section of NH-5?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Rs. 45.45 crores have been allocated during 2000-01 for the work of four laning of Bhubaneswar-Cuttack-Jagatpur section of N.H.-5. Out of total allocation Rs. 496.8 crores made to NHAI for Externally Aided Projects adequate funds will be made available for completion of Jagatpur-Candikhol